

**THE
ALABAMA BAPTIST
CONVENTION**

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1824.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION IN ALABAMA.

ON Friday, November 5, 1824, was held, at Marion, Perry County, the first Anniversary of the Baptist State Convention in Alabama. The sermon for the occasion was delivered according to appointment.

Rev. Daniel Brown, President of the Convention, took the Chair, and the Recording Secretary being absent, brother Ramaldson was requested to minute the proceedings.

Letters from the Auxiliaries were received, and the Delegates took their seats accordingly.

The Report of the Agent was read and accepted. Also, reports were received from the several Missionaries present, viz.: *Alocea Holcombe*, and *Sion Blythe*, of the Northern and Middle Districts; and *Alexander Travis*, with *John Ellsworth*, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of brother *Whitney* of the Southern District.

The several Reports were highly interesting, and illustrated to the strongest sympathies of the pious and benevolent, sending forth Missionaries to the various parts of the Convention, inhabitants of the destitute. For, supply, in some measure, the want of our brethren, they did in the short term of six weeks, al- with immediate and fervent labours, were attended destined success, and with blessings incalculable to the general welfare. In the solitary places of our wide spreading land, where no church were constituted, the utility of the plan of mission was fully demonstrated. And notwithstanding some still adverse to the plan, yet all receive the fruits of these evangelical labours with rejoicing.

From our other brethren, whose services were invited by the Convention last year, we have not the pleasure to receive, as yet, any report of their missionary labour.

Brother Ramaldson (who has been engaged in our domestic Missions between this and the Mississippi for nearly three years), stated to this Convention the necessity for his declining these diversified services for a time, owing to the long and cop-

tinued affliction of his daughter, and to expenses which were supportable.

Committees were appointed, viz ;

On the subject of employing an Agent, A. Travis, H. H. combe, J. Ellis, J. Ryan, L. C. Davis, J. Travis, and E. King.

On the revision of the Constitution, J. Ellis, H. Holcom and J. A. Ranaldson.

On nomination and arrangement, L. C. Davis, S. Perkin and J. A. Ranaldson

To prepare Rules of decorum, C. Crow, D. Sullivan, and Lea.

Brother E. D. King was appointed to audit the Treasure account.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

— Prayer by the President.

Saturday 6th.—Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother A. Travis.

Committees reported Whereupon, the Convention adopt the Rules of decorum presented by the Committee, without a division or amendment : The Constitution, with the proposed amendments, was received as heretofore annexed : *Eight Missionaries, and a Board of Managers, were chosen, for the ensuing year.*

Brother J. A. Ranaldson was urged by the unanimous request of the Convention to continue his services as their Agent and in case the situation of his family would allow him to accept an appointment, he should be at liberty to apply any private contributions made to him, to defray the expenses of his family.

A letter was presented by the Cor. Secretary, from Rev. P. Cunningham, with a contribution of five dollars, being one third of a collection for "benevolent purposes," at a meeting of the Masonic Society. The balance was divided between the Methodist and Presbyterian Societies. Also a donation to the solutions of the "Presbytery of Alabama," in favor of the Bible Society.

It was therefore Resolved, That this Convention receives the communications of Mr. Cunningham with brotherly love, and that they heartily concur with the Resolutions of the Presbytery, and do likewise "regard the recent promotion of the Bible Society of Alabama with feelings of more than common interest. They approve of its object, and in the main its plan of operation, and heartily pray for its prosperity." And, that they will also "exert their influence in behalf of this institution, and will aid its officers in the execution of their benevolent plans," to give a wider circulation of the Holy Scripture without note or comment.

Resolved, That this Convention present a memorial to Congress, to exert their benign influence with the Creeks, in favour of Religious liberty: And, that the Cor. Secretary transmit a copy of the memorial to the Agent of the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, at Washington City.

Resolved. That the travelling expenses of our Agent and his family, for nearly three years, and of our domestic Missionaries, be first paid out of the fund for Missions; and from the balance, pay our Missionaries in proportion to the service of each, at one dollar per day.

Resolved, That Brother John Ellis be recognized as a Missionary of this Convention, as he supplied the place apportioned to our beloved brother Winborne, deceased.

Resolved, That the memory of our departed brother Winborne be regarded by us, as one whose light shone more and more unto the perfect day, and whose death was felt as a serious loss to the church of Christ here below.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention are due to all the Churches and Societies which have aided its object;—to the generous individuals who have assisted by their alms, and prayers, and sympathies;—to the citizens of Marion and vicinity, for their marked hospitality and liberal feelings;—above all, to the God of missions who sent his Son to seek and to save the lost,—who has sent his ministers to the tribes of the earth with glad tidings of salvation.

Resolved. That the next Convention meet at Tuskaloosa, on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1825: And that brother John Ellis preach the Anniversary Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M.—in case of failure, brother H. Holcombe.

The Convention then adjourned: An appropriate and animating address was delivered by brother Compere, with fervent prayer for God's blessing to attend our exertions.

The public exercises on the Sabbath were solemn and impressive, and we believe the children of God were refreshed with the richness of the gospel, preached by his servants on that day.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Auxiliary Societies and Churches.	Delegates.	Missions.	Education.	Withington station.
Conecuh County,	Adam M'Reary John King J. A. Ranaldson*	\$72 50	\$ 5 00	
Bethel, Beulah, Monroe County, Claiborne, Salem, Pigeon Creek, Wilcox County, Montgomery co. Autauga county, Shelby county,	John Ellis Alexander Travis	8 67 1-2 8 35 29 00 28 43 3 25 2 50 17 87 1-2 10 00 Lewis C. Davis	24 75 6 60 17 75	Box of clothes
Perry county,	Solomon Perkins	10 00	1 00	
Marion.	Lee Compere			
Green county,	Charles Crow Dunkin Sullivan Edwin D. King Temple Lea Jesse Travis Wm. Thomas Lewis Stephens	47 23 20 75 48 12 1-2	24 07 7 00	
Greensborough,	Joseph Ryan	32 31 1-4	3 00	
Tuskaloosa co.	Thomas Lovell* Samuel Caldwell C. Finnell*	31 00	16 00	
Tuskaloosa, Jefferson county, Jonesborough, Rupes Valley, Bethel,	Hosca Holcombe	25 00 16 50 8 50	1 00 9 00	Clothing

*Absent.—Minister's names in *italics*.

Received of sundry individuals, viz.;
By the hand of Rev. Hosca Holcombe, (personal)

By Rev. Sion Blythe, (personal)	\$1 25
By Rev. John Ellis, (personal)	4 50
By Rev. Alexander Travis,	18 25
By Rev. J. A. Ranaldson, (personal)	28 87 1-2
By same, of Rev. J. P. Cunningham,	105 24
By same, for the Luminary and Star,	5 00
By same, for the Columbian College,	179 75
	16 00

RECAPITULATION.

Received for Missions, (including \$89 81, the amount for this state in 1823,) 681 71
Received for Education, (including 43 25 of last year,) 158 42

MISSING

Received for the Luminary, Star, and Col.
lege,

195 75

To sum total,	\$1,035 88
Credit, by appropriations of the Convention, viz. ;	
For the use of the Gen. Convention of the Baptists in the United States, (for last year)	\$20 00
For Foreign Missions, amount designated,	44 47
For Withington Station, Creek Indians,	9 00
For Columbian College,	16 00
For Luminaries for the use of the Auxiliaries of this Convention,	50 00
For Luminary and Star, by Agents,	179 75
For "Alabama Scholarship" in the Theological Seminary, at Washington City,	158 42

By deposite with Rev. L. Compere, Withington station,	\$475 6.
For travelling expenses of the Agent in service of the Mississippi and Alabama Societies, for nearly <i>three years</i> , including some contingent expenses of his family,	\$340 71 $\frac{1}{2}$
— do. do. in 1823,	100 00
— travelling expenses of Missionaries	12 50
Paid H. Holcombe, 1-3 of 41 days service,	13 66
— S. Blythe, 1-3 of 44 days,	14 66
— A Travis, 1-3 of 45 days,	15 00
— J. Ellis, 1-3 of 45 days,	15 00
By depreciation of moneys,	4 81 $\frac{1}{2}$
By cash paid for printing, in 1823,	40 00

By amount of appropriations,	\$1033 4
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To balance,	\$1 8
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Received of individuals, by Rev. A. Travis ;			
M. Kirtlins,	\$3 00	L. Smith,	\$5
S. Walding,	1 00	Congregation at Pike C. House,	7
Congregation at Mitchel's	11 37 1.2		
By Rev. J. A. Ranaldson, for Missions and Education, in U. S.			
Report of the several societies ;			
J. A. Bradford,	\$5 00	C. Thaines,	
Capt. W. Cato,	1 00	S. Wiggins,	
E. Clark,	1 00	W. Wiggins,	
Rev. J. Thompson;	1 00	D. A. Ranaldson,	
W. Cato, Esq.	1 00	W. Wingate,	
W. Cate, Jr.	.50	W. Wingate, jun.,	
J. Roberts,	.50	R. Wingate,	

W. W. McConico,	5 00	W. J. Moore,	1 00
Col. J. Moore,	4 00	Dr. J. Moore,	2 00
J. Gill,	1 00	S. Connell,	5 00
P. Marion,	50	E. W. Ootan,	1 00
J. Newberry,	50	D. Palmer,	62
Mrs. N. Wiggins,	50	E. King,	10 00
" S. Thames,	25	Mrs. A. McWilliams,	75
" N. Pope,	25	Mrs. A. Augustin,	2 00
" M. Ranaldson,	2 00	Miss M. Thames,	25
" several ladies,	2 50	Two children,	18
" M. McConico,	4 00	Mrs. N. Tarlton,	50
" M. Connell,	2 00	" N. Wade,	1 00
" L. Hill,	1 00	" S. Farrar,	1 00
" J. Draughan,	2 00	" — Simpson,	2 00
" M. Brdford,	1 00	" — Branson,	2 00
" H. Dillet,	1 00	Miss E. Connell,	1 00
" L. Moore,	2 00	" M. E. Bradford,	3 00
" M. Cotburn,	1 00	Treasurer of Claiborne Socie-	
C. Green,	1 00	ty,	20 00
J. Beard,	50		

for Luminary and Star;

S. Caldwell,	2 00	Rev. H. Holcombe,	20 00
D. A. Ranaldson	25 00	" S. Blythe,	3 00
E. King,	5 00	" J. Ryan,	33 50
J. McCain,	3 00	" W. Calloway,	15 00
J. L. Goree,	17 00	J. Gindrat,	10 00
Rev. A. Travis,	23 50	G. Roberts,	2 00

as personal favours;

L. Beebe, (La.)	\$10 00	Con. at Five-mile,	
M. L. Meeker, do.	5 00	by J. Travis,	7 18
F. Ray, (Ky.)	6 00	N. Murphy,	18
Dr. J. Fishback,	10 00	J. Newberry,	50
Rev. H. W. Hodges,	6 12	B. Owens,	62
" G. Brown,	2 12	B. Whitfield,	3 00
C. Thames,	50	J. McCain,	2 00
S. Wiggins,	1 00	J. Calloway,	2 00
D. A. Ranaldson,	2 50	S. Mims,	1 25
Con. at Tuscaloosa, by		Mrs. E. Thomas,	3 00
T. Lovell,	32 2	" A. Freeman,	5 00
		" R. Johnson, (Mi.)	5 00

so, after the Convention adjourned, received of the convention at Marion, by request of Elder Crow, their pastor, 3 3-4.

3. The amount received for Bibles, Tracts, and other religious purposes, is accounted for to the different Societies in Indiana, Mississippi, and in this State, by our Agent.



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